

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

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The present invention resides in a sterile covering for use in making precise incisions. The device and method are particularly useful in performing minimally invasive surgical procedures, though not limited to such uses. According to the preferred embodiment, an inventive covering according to the invention includes a sterile film 100 having a ~~patient-contacting~~ surface for contacting a patient 110 and an outer surface through which a radiopaque grid is visually apparent for assisting a surgeon in making precise markings and/or incisions at desired instrument access points.

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Preferably the grid is visible with to the human eye as well as being radiopaque. The covering is preferably made of a sterile plastic material and includes a Cartesian coordinate radiopaque grid though polar and other coordinate systems may be used. As shown in the Figure, the Cartesian coordinate grid may include X and Y axes 120, 140 visible as solid lines, and may further include less prominent increment markings, such as one centimeter.